

Oak Middle School Happenings

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“Respect is Our Cornerstone”

September 2004

Principals' Corner

Dear Parents

Although we have only been in session for ten days, as of this writing, it seems like we have been here a long time. The instructional program is in full swing and daily routines are for the most part well established. Our “partial occupancy” has now expanded into our use of the Cafeteria’s dining area. We will continue to use the front lawn as a lunch break area until construction is largely completed and we have easier access to the athletic fields. The timeline for completion of the rest of the school ranges into the end of October and could easily range into November. OMS students and staff have remained focused on learning beginning with the first day of school and I expect will remain so throughout the completion of this year!

Please use the Main Office entry when you join us for **Curriculum Nights** on September 30th (gr. 7) and October 6th (gr. 8) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. A map has been provided for your reference to add to the information you will receive from your child’s teachers. Please remember that parking is not allowed along the curb directly in front of the school. These evenings serve the purposes of providing you with specific instructional information and an opportunity to meet your child’s teachers. There will not be any opportunity to conduct individual
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PTO President's Corner

Welcome back students, faculty and staff. The SMS PTO is excited about the programs, fundraisers and schedule for the upcoming year.

The PTO Open House Committees ran a two night Sherwood Open House, and a one night Oak Open House. This year parents and students at Sherwood and Oak were able to explore the building and find their way around via maps and self-guided tours. It gave everyone a chance to learn the layout of the buildings, and experience first-hand how safety and progress are coming together. Many thanks to the PTO volunteers who helped with the Open House, especially the Committee Chairpersons, Ronnie Riedel with the Sherwood Open House and Andrea Burns with the Oak Open House.

The PTO will kick off its Fall Fundraiser efforts with sales of the 2004/05 Entertainment Book. This has been an annual success, bringing in funds that are funneled back into the school for academic materials, academic programs, media center purchases, teacher supplies and field trip assistance. Mindy McKenzie-Hebert is “heading up” this fundraiser, and I encourage each of you to assist and support her.

The PTO is preparing to distribute the first Campus Directory for the entire middle school
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